

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims supersedes all prior listings, and versions, of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A cage having a plurality of cutouts for receiving rolling bodies of a joint, wherein the cage comprises a quenched and tempered steel and the entire cage has a substantially uniform ductility over any cross section through the cage whereby the deviation of the hardness is less than 10% and the hardness is less than or equal to 650 HV.

17. (Previously presented) The cage according to claim 16, wherein the cage has a hardness in a range from 500 to 650 HV.

18. (Previously presented) The cage according to claim 16, wherein the cage comprises a steel with a carbon content in a range from 0.3% to 0.5%.

19. (Previously presented) The cage according to claim 16, wherein the cage comprises a steel with at least boron as alloying element.

20-23. (Canceled)